

REMARKS

Claims 25-58 are pending. Applicant hereby cancels claims 1-24 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.37 in order to put this application in better condition for appeal. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment.

CONCLUSION

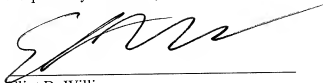
On the basis of the foregoing Amendment and Remarks, and as detailed in the concurrently filed Appeal Brief, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims of the present application are allowable over the prior art of record. Favorable consideration and timely allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

As noted above, the amendments of the claims above is being made solely to expedite prosecution of the present application and do not constitute an acquiescence to any reference identified by the Examiner. For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims define patentable subject matter over the cited art, either considered alone or in combination. For these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections set forth above be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner not agree, then a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues in an effort to expedite the allowance of this application.

Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayments associated with this paper to Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 02-4377. Further, if a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not provided for above, Applicant requests such extension and authorizes the charging of the extension fee to Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

Respectfully submitted,

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